2) scale of rates. Text books were charged at CP-2 scale rate less 10%. In view of the pressing need for generation of internal resources, and to meet the increased cost of inputs, the classification of commodities booked as parcels was rationalised and the commodities which were earlier charged at Concessional Parcel (CP-2) scale of rate was enhanced. The classification of books was enhanced to that of General Parcel (GPA) scale of rate from 1-4-92. Since the text books are used in the literacy drive, the classification of text books has been kept at Concessional Parcel (CP-1) scale of rate which is 20% below General Parcel (GPA) scale rate. No increase in parcel rates has been made during 1994-95.

Denial of supply of coal to foreign power companies by railways

5758. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways have rejected priority to foreign power companies while supplying coal for thermal power plants;

(b) if so, whether the railways have also rejected the multinational company's demand for 'punitive action' in the event of failure to stick to delivery schedule;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for rejecting the demand of the multinational companies;

(d) whether any alternative has been found out by the Railway Ministry;

(e) whether power department has also circulated a draft contract with punitive clause for the consideration of the railways: and

(f) if so, what are the other alternatives/measures being suggested by the coal department to the multinational companies for coal supply

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (f) A draft contract between the Indian Railways, Ministry of coal and the companies intending to set up coal based thermal power stations in India has been received from the Ministry of Power. The contract is under examination. The question of rejecting the demand of foreign power companies therefore does not arise.

Development of Railway network in Gujarat

5759. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of expansion and development of railway network in Gujarat targetted during 1993-94 and the porgress made so far; and

(b) what targets have been fixed for the above purpose in the State during the year 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Conversion of Phulera—Marwar—Ahmedabad (572 kms. out of which 142 kms. are in Gujarat), which is a part of Delhi—Ahmedabad M.G. trunk route, was included in the Railway Budget for 1993-94. Work is making steady progress and conversion of Phulera—Marwar portion is targetted for completion during 1994-95.

Setting up of ancillary units around Railway workshops in Bhopal

5760. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Central Government have decided to set up 87